



Community & Residential Services Authority

MEMBERS PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Michele Carmichael	Gary Seelbach	Maureen Haugh-Stover	Michelle Scott-Terven
Randy Staton	Dee Ann Ryan		

Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Lisa Betz	Jane Kelly	Toni Hoy	Brittany Stern
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Bloom	Kathy Briseno	William Delgado	David Elder
Susan Fonfa	Seth Harkins	Candice Jones	Merlin Lehman
Julie Stremlau			

STAFF PRESENT

Springfield Location:

Nancy Aguirre	Lynn Lowder	Mindy Miller	Linda Prewitt
John Schornagel			

Chicago Location: (attending by Video conference)

Robert Watts

LIAISONS PRESENT

Kevin Rubenstein, IAASE

GUESTS

Uli Senz

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Staton called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Chairperson Staton introduced Michelle Scott-Terven as the newly appointed Alternate Designee from the DHS/Division of Rehabilitation Services and welcomed her to the Authority. Authority members, CRSA staff and guests introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2015 AUTHORITY MINUTES

The Authority reviewed the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Authority meeting.

MOTION: Gary Seelbach moved and Michele Carmichael seconded that the minutes of the December 10, 2015 Authority meeting be approved as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

III. STAFF REPORT

Director Schornagel referenced the following informational handouts:

- **Staff Activity Reports** for December 2015 and January 2016.

Director Schornagel reported that two cases were sent to Technical Assistance Conference (TAC) panels in mid-January: both involving lock-out/custody relinquishment risk. Director Schornagel informed the Authority that within weeks of the Technical Assistance Conferences, the threat of imminent relinquishment was averted in both case situations. He reported that so far in FY 16, 24 referrals have involved lock-out/custody relinquishment risk, compared to 50 Lock-out/custody relinquishment risk referrals at this time last year. Director Schornagel advised the Authority that one case remains at the Staff Review level: a multi-agency crisis-prevention case in which relevant member agencies were alerted to the potential crisis and have expedited services to the family at the community level. Director Schornagel updated the Authority that two custody relinquishment risk cases which have been at the General Service level since last fall were resolved recently without relinquishment: one child receiving a residential ICG and the other which remains at the community services level, receiving case coordination through the Choices pilot initiative. He added that CRSA staff continues to actively track six children whose plans of service were brokered through the CRSA's dispute resolution process in recent years, to provide additional assistance as needed.

IV. AGENCY REPORTS

Maureen Haugh-Stover informed the Authority about a DDD initiative to create crisis bed capacity for DDD-eligible individuals over the age of 18, as an alternative to hospitalization.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairperson Staton commented that the Executive Committee is consulting with members of the various Ad Hoc Committees and CRSA staff regarding the formation of CRSA Case Review Committee. He advised that the Executive Committee is discussing the structure and functions of a Case Review Committee and how a Case Review Committee might be incorporated into the CRSA Service Procedural Guidelines. He informed the Authority that the Executive Committee agreed to continue discussing matters related to the formation of a CRSA Case Review Committee as it develops recommendations for consideration by the Authority.

VIII. OPEN DIALOGUE

Director Schornagel commented that an increasingly common feature of referrals to CRSA is the absence of multi-agency case coordination at the community level. He added that there is broad recognition and acceptance among CRSA member agencies and schools that multiple-agency case coordination at the community is important in achieving desired client outcomes, but that opportunities for families to obtain coordinated multi-agency planning and services in their home communities are increasingly rare. He commented that many of the referrals that come to CRSA are parents of children with multiple agency service needs who have been directed to call CRSA by community agencies and advocates as a means to explore available services and programs across all systems and to facilitate the formation of multiple-agency Child and Family Teams (CFTs). Director Schornagel reminded members that the active involvement of a local CFT is a required element of all cases that proceed through CRSA's dispute resolution process. He commented that CRSA staff are increasingly tasked to facilitate the development of multi-agency CFTs, particularly since Local Area Networks were de-funded and subsequently disappeared from the system-of-care. He also commented that resistance to multiple agency case-coordination is even evident in cases where plans of service were brokered through the CRSA's dispute resolution process: most notably inhibiting the provision of coordinated, multiple-agency services to children and family at stepdown from residential treatment. He advised that one of the intended roles of the proposed CRSA Case Review Committee will be to intercede on behalf of children and families whose cases require member-agency involvement, including multiple agency case coordination, as those cases progress through CRSA's dispute resolution process. As discussion ensued, members expressed an ongoing desire to better understand the roles and availability of adoption preservation service providers in communities, commenting that CFT development and facilitation might be a logical role to help preserve public adoptions and reduce lockouts and unnecessary custody relinquishments. Director Schornagel commented that staff would continue to encourage CFT development at the community level to drive multi-agency service planning for families contacting CRSA for assistance but will be cautious not to usurp the responsibility of member agencies and schools to do multiple-agency service planning on their own.

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

X. COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Michele Carmichael moved and Gary Seelbach seconded that the Authority meeting be adjourned at 10:47 a.m. The Motion carried unanimously